

Convention at a glance

47th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association Program August 5 - 8, 2004

	Thursday <i>August 5th</i>	Friday <i>August 6th</i>	Saturday <i>August 7th</i>	Sunday <i>August 8th</i>
09:00	Theoretical Issues <i>Mulacz</i> <i>McClenon</i> <i>Lucadou & Zahradnik</i>	Micro-PK <i>Houkooper</i> <i>Palikari</i> <i>Hinterberger et al</i>	Suggestive Experiments <i>Wiseman & Greening</i> <i>Wilson & French</i>	Panel Counseling Persons with Exceptional Experiences
09:45			Mediumship Studies <i>Wiseman & O'Keeffe</i> <i>Krippner</i>	
10:30	10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break			
11:00	Theoretical Issues and Reanalyses <i>Palmer</i> <i>May</i> <i>Bösch</i>	Questionnaire Studies <i>Murray & Fox</i> <i>Wisemann & Watt</i> <i>Holt</i>	Panel Perspectives in the Study of Mediumship	ESP Experiments <i>Roney-Dougal & Solfvin</i> <i>Roe, Davey & Stevens</i> <i>Westerlund & Dalkvist</i>
12:30	12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break			
14:00	Replicating Rupert Sheldrake? <i>Lobach & Bierman (2x)</i> <i>Schmidt et al</i>	Psychophysiology <i>Broughton</i> <i>Wackermann et al</i> <i>Kittenis et al</i> <i>Ramakers</i>	Research Briefs <i>Joines et al; Ivtsan & French; Simmonds</i>	Business Meeting (only PA Members)
14:45			News from the Ganzfeld <i>Smith & Savva</i> <i>Sherwood et al</i>	
15:30	15.30 - 16.00 Coffee Break			
16:00	Poster Session 16:00 - 18:00	Precognitive Habituation <i>Savva et al</i> <i>McDonough et al; Bem</i>	News from the Ganzfeld <i>Westerlund et al</i> <i>Roe & Holt</i> <i>Fox & Simmonds</i>	
17:00				
17:30				
18:00				
19:00	19:00 Welcome Reception <i>Reception at the Vienna City Hall</i>	19:00 Presidential Address <i>Nancy L. Zingrone</i> <i>Reception</i>	19:00 Banquet <i>Reception</i> <i>Dinner</i> <i>J. B. Rhine Adress</i>	

Program
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2004

19.00 – 21.00 Early Check-In/Advance Registration

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2004

8.00 on Registration

9.00 – 9.05 Opening Remarks

Theoretical Issues

9.05 – 9.35 Peter Mulacz
Strange People – Rare Events

9.35 – 10.05 James McClenon
What is to Be Done: Evaluating the Ritual Healing Theory

10.05 – 10.35 Walter v. Lucadou & Frauke Zahradnik
Predictions of the Model of Pragmatic Information About RSPK

10.35 – 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

Theoretical Issues and Reanalyses

11.00 – 11.30 John Palmer
Synchronicity and Psi: How are they Related?

11.30 – 12.00 Edwin C. May
Anticipatory Skin Conductance Responses: A Possible Example of Decision Augmentation Theory

12.00 – 12.30 Holger Bösch
Reanalyzing a Meta-analysis on extra-sensory perception from 1940, the first comprehensive meta-analysis in the history of science

12.30 – 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Replicating Rupert Sheldrake?

14.00 - 14.30 Eva Lobach & Dick J. Bierman
The Invisible Gaze: Three attempts to Replicate Sheldrake's Staring Effects

14.30 - 15.00 Stefan Schmidt, Susanne Müller, & Harald Walach
Do You Know Who is on the Phone? Replication of an Experiment on Telephone Telepathy

15.00 - 15.30 Eva Lobach & Dick J. Bierman
Who's Calling at this Hour? Local Sidereal Time and Telephone Telepathy

15.30 - 16.00 -----Coffee Break-----

16.00 - 18.00 **Poster Session**

Eckhard Etzold

Does Psi Exist and Can we Prove it? Belief and Disbelief in Psychokinesis Research

Liudmila B. Boldyreva & Nina B. Sotina

Classification of Phenomena of Parapsychology from the Point of View of Physics. Superfluid Physical Vacuum

Luisa Sartori, Stefano Massaccesi, Massimiliano Martinelli & Patrizio E. Tressoldi

Physiological Correlates of ESP: Heart Rate Differences Between Targets and Non Targets in Clairvoyance and Precognition Forced Choice Tasks

Gao Shan

A Primary Quantum Model of Telepathy

Joseph W. McMoneagle, & Edwin C. May

The Possible Roll of Intention, Attention and Expectation in Remote Viewing

Tatsu Hirukawa & Masato Ishikawa

Anomalous Fluctuation of RNG Data in Nebuta: Summer Festival in Northeast Japan

Bernard M. Auriol, Frédérick Garcia, Laetitia Puech, Sylvie Lagrange, Corinne Morer, Myriam Campardon, Olivier Rabat, Sophie Valentin, Olivier Perrin, & Eve Leconte

Agapè: Group Telepathy. A Long-Term Experimental Series

Wai-Cheong Carl Tam & Yung-Jong Shiah

Paranormal Belief, Religiosity and Cognitive Complexity

Johannes Hagel & Margot Tschapke

The Local Event Detector (LED) - An Experimental Setup for an Exploratory Study of Correlations between Collective Emotional Events and Random Number Sequences

Suitbert Ertel

Psi Test Feats Achieved Alone at Home: Do they Disappear under Lab Control?

Welcome Reception

19.00 Reception at the Vienna City Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2004

Micro-PK: Theories, Correlations and an EEG-Paradigm

- 9.00 - 9.30 Joop M. Houtkooper
Exploring Volitional Strategies in the Mind-Machine Interaction Replication
- 9.30 - 10.00 Fotini Palikari
On the False Hypothesis of Psi-Mediated Shift of Statistical Average in Tests with Random Event Generators
- 10.00 - 10.30 Thilo Hinterberger, Joop M. Houtkooper, & Boris Kotchoubey
Effects of Feedback Control Training on Slow Cortical Potentials and a Random Event Generator
- 10.30 - 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

Questionnaire Studies in OBEs, Superstitious Belief and Creativity

- 11.00 - 11.30 Craig D. Murray & Jezz Fox
Body Image in Respondents with and without prior Out-Of-Body Experiences
- 11.30 - 12.00 Richard Wiseman & Caroline Watt
Measuring Superstitious Belief: Why Luck charms Matter
- 12.00 - 12.15 RESEARCH BRIEF: Nicola J. Holt
Creativity, Subjective Paranormal Experiences and Altered States of Consciousness
- 12.30 - 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Psychophysiology

- 14.00 - 14.30 Richard S. Broughton
Exploring the Reliability of the 'Presentiment' Effect
- 14.30 - 14.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Jiří Wackermann, José Raúl Naranjo, & Peter Pütz
Event Related Correlations between Brain Electrical Activities of Separated Human Subjects
- 14.45 - 15.15 Marios Kittenis, Peter G. Caryl, & Paul Stevens
Distant Psychophysiological Interaction Effects between Related and Unrelated Participants
- 15.15 - 15.30 RESEARCH BRIEF: Peter Ramakers
Response Characteristics and Lability in an EDA-DMILS Study using Emotional Stimuli
- 15.30 - 16.00 -----Coffee Break-----

Precognitive Habituation

- 16.00 - 16.30 Louie Savva, Robert Child, & Matthew D. Smith
The Precognitive Habituation Effect: An Adaptation Using Spider Stimuli
- 16.30 - 16.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Bruce E. McDonough, Norman S. Don, & Charles A. Warren
Combining the Event Related Brain Potential (ERP) and Precognitive Habituation (PH) Techniques: A Feasibility Demonstration
- 16.45 - 17.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Daryl J. Bem
Precognitive Avoidance and Precognitive Déjà Vu

17.00 – 19.00 -----Dinner Break-----

Presidential Address

- 19.00 – 19.05 Carlos Alvarado
Introduction
- 19.05 – 19.50 Nancy L. Zingrone
TbA
- 19.50 – 22.00 Presidential Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2004

Suggestive Experiments

- 9.00 – 9.30 Richard Wiseman & Emma Greening
'It's still Bending': Verbal Suggestion and Alleged Psychokinetic Ability
- 9.30 – 9.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Krissy Wilson & Christopher C. French
Memory Conformity and paranormal Belief

Mediumship Studies

- 9.45 - 10.15 Richard Wiseman & Ciarán O'Keeffe
Testing Alleged Mediumship: Methods and Results
- 10.15 - 10.30 RESEARCH BRIEF: Stanley Krippner
The Visions and Dreams of Eva Hellström
- 10.30 - 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

PANEL: Perspectives in the Study of Mediumship

- 11.00 - 12.30 Carlos S. Alvarado, Ruth Reinsel, Peter Mulacz, Rosemarie Pilkington & Erlendur Haraldsson
- 12.30 – 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Research Briefs

- 14.00 – 14.15 William T. Joines, Stephen B. Baumann, Christine Simmonds, Jeremy Kim, & Jonathan Zile
The Measurement and Characterization of Charge Accumulation and Electromagnetic Emissions from Bioenergy Healers
- 14.15 - 14.30 Itai Ivtsan & Christopher C. French
Testing the Validity of Tarot Cards: Can we Distinguish between a Real and a Control Reading?
- 14.30 - 14.45 Christine A. Simmonds
A Qualitative Investigation of Source Monitoring in the Context of Subjective Paranormal Experiences

News from the Ganzfeld

- 14.45 – 15.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Matthew D. Smith & Louie Savva
Experimenter Effects and Psi Performance Using a Digital Autoganzfeld System
- 15.00 – 15.30 Simon J. Sherwood, Chris A. Roe, Nicola J. Holt & Stuart Wilson
Interpersonal Psi: Exploring the Role of the Experimenter and the Experimental Climate in a Ganzfeld Telepathy Task
- 15.30 - 16.00 -----Coffee Break-----

News from the Ganzfeld (continued)

- 16.00 - 16.30 Joakim Westerlund, Adrian Parker, Jan Dalkvist & Anneli Goulding
Remarkable Correspondences between Ganzfeld Mentation and Target Content
- 16.30 - 17.00 Chris A. Roe & Nicola Holt
A further consideration of the sender as a PK agent in Ganzfeld ESP studies
- 17.00 - 17.30 Jez Fox & Christine Simmonds
Ruling out Items in the Judging Set: a Novel Protocol for Detecting Psi in the Ganzfeld

Banquet at the Natural History Museum

- 19.00 - 20.00 Reception
- 20.00 Dinner in the Cupola Hall
J.B. RHINE ADDRESS:
Lynne McTaggart
Guided Tours on the Roof Top

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2004

**PANEL: Counseling Persons with Exceptional Experiences:
The Example of IGPP**

9.00 - 10.30 Eberhard Bauer, Martina Belz-Merk, Wolfgang Fach, Niko Kohls & Harald Walach

10.30 - 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

ESP Experiments in the Field and in the Lab

11.00 - 11.30 Serena M. Roney-Dougal & Jerry Solfin
Field Study of an Enhancement Effect on Lettuce Seeds: Working in Adverse Conditions

11.30 - 12.00 Chris A. Roe, Russell Davey, & Paul Stevens
Experimenter Effects in Laboratory Tests of ESP and PK using a common protocol

12.00- 12.30 Joakim Westerlund & Jan Dalkvist
A Test of Predictions from five Studies on Telepathic Group Communication of Emotions

12.30 Convention Close

12.30 - 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Business Meeting

14.00 - 15.30 General Business Meeting of the Parapsychological Association
PA Members only